

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank You for allowing me to express my comments concerning NOI 03-104.

As a member of the amateur radio community and active in emergency communications, I would like to voice my opposition to the possibility of the introduction of BPL. Amateur Radio has always been available during major local and national emergencies. With information already available, BPL would destroy reliable communications in the 2 to 80 Mhz HF region. I am grateful to the countless amateurs who spend countless hours assisting in emergency situations:

1. Sept 11, 2001
2. Major wild fires of 2002
3. Skywarn circuits in tornado alley
4. Assistance to local authorities during the hurricane season.
5. Assistance to NASA during shuttle disaster search and cleanup operations.

These are just a few of the examples of services amateurs provide to the community.

I could probably say more, but your time is valuable and I again thank you for allowing me to express my views in opposition to BPL.

Sincerely,
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